

Egremont Conservation Commission Minutes of April 13, 2017. 7:00 PM start, town hall, Egremont, MA.

Commissioners present: Chairman Bill Tynan, Alina Hsu and Ben Barrett. Ted Rubsamen absent.

Guests: Steve Mack (Foresight Engineering), Mike Kulig (Berkshire Engineering), Genis & Chet Delaney (Friends of Prospect Lake), Tom Gilbert (Catamount Development), Alex Glover (Counsel for Hakim), Shep Evans (Conservation Agent hired to assist ECC) and David Seligman (potential new commissioner).

Updates:

Ted Rubsamen has submitted a letter dated March 21, 2017 formally resigning from commission. It is with heartfelt appreciation that we say "thank you, Ted" for your years of service on the Commission. David Seligman has shown interest in joining the Commission. David received our endorsement, and is awaiting formal approval by the Select Board. Thank you David for your interest in joining.

Mt. Washington Road Bridge project: site visit reports confirm delays, delays, delays. October 2016 had been the original dead line. Site visits by Stockman Associates ran out. 2 more were allotted per the Select Board. April 18th 8 AM with Emily Stockman is proposed as the first, but not yet solidified at this moment. The goal of the meeting is to make sure they have done all per the OOC, and to be a "teachable moment" to see what could be done on future bridge projects improve efficiency. The second one will be later on, once the site is stable, and then we will sign off on the OOCs, assuming compliance.

After a site visit at **Blank/Cohn 8 Lakeside Drive** to review their proposed project it became apparent that they were not ready to file formally. Abigail Elwood withdrew the NOI for revisions and for re-submittal at a later date. April 27th will probably be a presentation of project, not the formal hearing.

New Business:

NOI application discussion ensued regarding **James Palmitier 50 Prospect Lake Road** for Dam repair and restoration. Check received for \$712.50 from Berkshire Engineering. The lake has a dam on the east side of the lake: The integrity is rated as "poor" by a recent dam inspection. Mike Kulig here to do a preliminary once over for the benefit of all, in advance of the hearing for the 27th. Low level drain is thought to be inoperable, but has not been tested in years. The dam is thought to be 100 years old. Overflow spillway to be built. Trees will be removed and woody brush, too. 7:30 NOI hearing scheduled for April 27.

Hearing continued for **Hakim 13 Nicholson Road** pond expansion at 7:35 PM File 0153-0207. Alex Glover has been in communications with attorney Gavin Cockfield (representing Catamount) in Boston. They have not been able to work out easements. The two parties cannot agree on mutually acceptable easement conditions. This is not a WPA concern, but one that serves as a road block for the Commission to issue Orders of Conditions. Hearing continued until April 27 at 7:15.

Correspondence: DFW draft priority map is available. www.mass.gov/dfw/nhesp/map-comment.

Alina Hsu brought in a boiler plate form copied from Monterey called the Project Review Form to

facilitate inquiries from property owners. We might create a similar document for Egremont.

Next meeting April 27, 2017, 7 PM: Topics to include:

Mark Stinson will join us on April 27th.

Bob Algierie will join us April 27 to discuss enforcement order.

Hearing will be continued for Hakim. Shep Evans to join us?

Cohn/Blank?

Prospect Lake Dam

Minutes of March 23, 2017 approved as submitted.

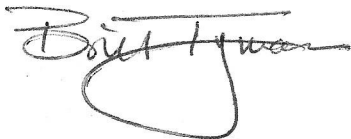
Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ben Barrett

Secretary for the Commission

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